(d) the fresh steps Government are going to take to minimise lavish expenditure of tourist offices of Government of India situated in foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Local Audit Party and Indian Audit Office, London has made certain observations in respect of India tourism Office, London. Department of Tourism has examined the observations made by the Audit and initiated necessary follow up action.

Funds allocated for tourism in Assam

1346. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds earmarked for the promotion of tourism in Assam during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the details of allocation proposed to be spent during the current financial year in the State?

THE MINISTER OFTOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Government/UT Administrations concerned. Department of Tourism, Government of India provides financial assistance for identified tourism projects in consultation with them. During the Tenth Plan it has been decided to take up integrated development of tourist circuits and integrated development of major destinations.

(b) During the current financial year the following projects have been sanctioned under the Integrated development of Tourism Circuits Scheme, for the State of Assam:—

(i) Brahmaputra River Front Development at Guwahati-Rs. 30 lakhs.

(ii) Development of Ethnic village at Bhalukpung, Tezpur-Rs. 45 lakhs.

(iii) Camping site at Kohra range Kaziranga-Rs. 152 lakhs.

(iv) Road Signages for Assam-Rs. 24 lakhs.